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Statement from Senator Borris L. Miles on SB 1978

"Our state has a long and well-documented history of discrimination. From Jim Crow Laws like the poll taxes to prevent African Americans from voting, red-lining to keep people of color out of select neighborhoods and even stopping our kids from attending specific schools; Texas has been part of it all.

"Senate Bill 1978 is no different because it cloaks discrimination under the guise of religious freedom. It targets the LGBTQ community and would allow the state to give taxpayer dollars to businesses that support discrimination. Further, it sends a chilling effect that would potentially jeopardize hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs to our state and Senate District 13 in Houston. My district is home to several major stadiums and a convention center that attracts world-class conferences as well as premier events like the Super Bowl, NCAA Final Four, the NBA All-Star Game and MLB All-Star Game. The impact of this bill would be severe as jobs of working-class families are put at risk by the loss of these events.

"I voted against SB 1978 because it sends the message that Texas discriminates."

SB 1978 will go to the Texas House for further consideration.

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